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THE PLAINT OF THE MOLOKANS.

The article about the Molokans reprinted herewith from the Los Angeles Times is one of the most unjust, untrue and malicious things ever published regarding labor conditions in Hawaii.

These Molokans were given the best opportunities of their lives in these islands. Public land which will bring \$40 per acre in open market today was given them at \$5.65 per acre under a contract which expressly stipulated that they were to raise sugar cane on it which the neighboring plantation would mill. They were to have their passage paid from Los Angeles to Hawaii; they were to be taught the labor of the fields; they were to work as a community. Their leaders came here, looked over the land and agreed to the contract and sent for their fellow-countrymen to come at the expense of a local philanthropist, who also pledged himself to bring their families from Russia. In due time 110 Molokans arrived and went on the ground; and almost to a man the heads of families refused to do as they agreed. A more lazy, shiftless, ignorant and generally worthless body of white men never before came to these islands. They would not till the land they were to own; they would not do honest work while they were being taught and a lot of them soon decamped, came to town and tried to get somebody to pay their fare back to California. Thousands of dollars have been spent upon them to no avail; and for this outlay they have made no recompense. It is quite natural that they should write falsehoods about their treatment—almost as natural as it is for the Los Angeles Times, which journal knows better, to affect the fear that men may be made slaves within the territory of the United States.

ROJESTVENSKY.

But for his wound in action Admiral Rojestvensky might expect to be criminally punished for the humiliation he brought upon Russia in the battle of the Korean Straits. He might even lose his life. As it is he is likely to escape extreme penalties, though to a man of fine sensibility the fate of retirement in disgrace would seem scarcely less bitter.

Looked at calmly "after the smoke has blown away," no sufficient excuse appears for the annihilation which the Czar's great armada suffered. Defeat was to have been expected at the hands of so invincible a foe; but surely the stronger fleet should have redeemed itself by some act of heroism, some success of arms, have done something more to atone for the loss of its squadrons and 10,000 men than to kill 400 of the enemy. The vanquished Frenchman at Trafalgar did better than that; so did poor old Ting at the battle of the Yalu in 1894. Rojestvensky during his long stay at Madagascar had ample time to train and discipline his crews and perfect them in gunnery; and if he came upon the enemy unawares in a sea where he had most reason to look for attack, the blame rests upon his vigilance and general capacity. To be beaten so quickly; to let his crews mutiny and his ships surrender; these are items of disgrace which commend him to the rigors of martial law. But he shed his blood and that may well save him from Siberia or the gallows. One can but think, however, that his end would have been better if, like beaten heroes of Japan, in the old days, and like Ting at Wei-hai-Wei he had not permitted himself to survive the downfall of those fortunes which his sovereign had committed to his care.

GOOD PROMOTION WORK.

This paper looks for the best advertising results from the moving pictures which are now being prepared in Hawaii for use on the mainland. The magic of words is nothing to the magic of well-made moving pictures, for these bring the very life of a country before the eyes of spectators thousands of miles away and enable the most casual looker-on to reach a correct judgment about the quality of the people shown to him, and the nature of their business, their daily life, their civic comforts and scenic and climatic environment. Reading is one thing; "seeing is believing," and for seeing, the next best thing to one's presence on the ground is an opportunity to view moving pictures that are taken well and managed skilfully.

It would be a splendid thing for Hawaii, as soon as autumn falls on the coast, to exhibit the moving pictures in all the chief cities and towns between Puget Sound and the Mexican line. Indeed, they ought to be shown and probably will be shown all over the country; but we speak of the Pacific slope because that is the best place for Hawaii to look for tourists. Once we could convince the westerners that this is their natural playground, as Switzerland and the Riviera are the natural playgrounds of Europe, we should need spend no more money in competition with Florida, Cuba and Southern California among Easterners. We should have all the tourists we could entertain.

FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

Mr. Bryan has no need of announcing himself as a candidate for President. His candidacy is popular this time and is taking care of itself. Both in east and west it is conceded that Bryan will be the man to lead the Democratic hosts. He is immensely stronger than he ever was before and, to make things easier for him, he has no rival of national strength. Hill is out of it, Gorman is dead, McClellan's prestige has gone, Folk does not possess an Eastern following, and Hearst is weighed down by the incubus of socialism. Who but Bryan can lead?

There is no embarrassment of riches on the Republican side as is shown by the wild talk about running Roosevelt again. Nobody thinks of Fairbanks save as an icy impossibility. The name of Foraker is not one to conjure with, though the party might go further and fare worse and as for Taft the only enthusiast for him is the President. Of all who are mentioned, Elihu Root seems most likely to catch the party's fancy; and this fact helps to show how much the party, among its available men, feels the lack of a strong, inspiring popular leader.

Six years ago this journal urged the institution of public baths in this city. The argument was good but the time was not ripe. Now the baths are coming and if we don't mistake their popularity and value, others like them will spring up elsewhere in town. Time was when bathers found it easy to get into salt water along the city front and elsewhere, but civilization, with its views about the nude and about private property has interfered with the pastime. As the love of salt water bathing persists, public baths, if admission is not too highly priced, ought to attract more custom than one bathing establishment could manage.

Supervisor Lucas is out with his platform in advance of that of his party. It is a platform which ought to commend him to the county "workers" as it proposes to increase their patronage seven fold. Each county, Mr. Lucas thinks, should control its own waterworks and sewers; should have the granting of its own licenses and the appointment of a tax assessor and tax collector. We are bound to say that the suggestions are in line with county systems on the mainland and cannot be called innovations. And they represent, withal, exceedingly good politics for Lucas.

It is true that there is no Territorial law to punish the man who weakens liquor with water and there is no reason why one should be passed. The more water that goes into hard drinks the better. But in case any sufferer feels like going to law over this sort of adulteration a Federal statute gives him opportunity. Uncle Sam insists that the quantity of liquor upon which the dealer has paid so much per gallon tax shall not be increased afterwards by the addition of water or any other fluid.

Apropos of Senator Dickey's comment in another column it may be said that, in police experience, cheap adulterated liquor seems to make men crazy while pure liquor simply makes them drunk.

If a statue of Robert C. Wyllie is ever ordered by this Territory the sculptor should be put under bonds not to chisel out the old gentleman in the uniform he wore when he had his pictures taken.

The Star wants the new Prince Wilhelm to be hoisted. It can't be that the Hohenzollerns are as hard up as all that.

How many members of that new Republican Labor party ever worked if they could help it.

MONTH OF JUNE VITAL STATISTICS

There were 76 deaths in Honolulu in June, three more than for the corresponding month last year. Of the number 50 were male and 26 female. By age 21 were under one year, 4 one to five, 1 five to ten, 3 ten to twenty, 7 twenty to thirty, 13 thirty to forty, 5 forty to fifty, 9 fifty to sixty, 11 sixty to seventy, 2 over seventy.

By nationality there were 3 Americans, 2 British, 13 Chinese, 1 German, 34 Hawaiians, 6 part Hawaiians, 9 Japanese, 1 Korean, 2 Porto Ricans and 5 others.

The following is a summary of causes of death:

Febrile 5, diarrheal 4, dietetic 3, constitutional 3, developmental 2, nervous 13, circulatory 5, respiratory 9, digestive 11, urinary 3, osseous and integumentary 1, accident and violence 4, suicide 1, legal execution 2.

Nine deaths were investigated, ten post mortem examinations held and four coroner's inquests. Forty-four births and 74 marriages were reported for the month.

SINCLAIR WILL BOOST HAWAII

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San Pedro, as against placing it in their northern service out of San Francisco.

"In this connection their passenger agent, Mr. H. Schafer spent some time in talking over the prospective business with us. We were able to assure them a good passenger business, especially if they would make a flat round trip rate from San Pedro of \$100, which seemed to impress Mr. Schafer very favorably. But in the matter of freight we were able to give them little satisfaction, preferring to take the matter up with you directly.

"Will you, therefore, advise us by earliest mail what encouragement in tonnage out of Honolulu might be given to a boat of this description, making the trip to and from San Pedro on a regular monthly schedule. Also let us know just how much you think we would be justified in encouraging this company, which as you doubtless know, by its cutting of rates has considerably antagonized the older established lines. In short are our relations with the transpacific lines such that we would not care to arouse the antagonism of their local agents, by throwing business toward this new line, even though these other lines might not be able properly to handle and care for this business?"

Nothing definite was done with this letter. The Committee members were doubtful of the guaranteeing of freight from Honolulu to San Pedro, although it was suggested that a good business in the carrying of fruits might easily be worked up. If the merchants at the other end could market bananas good cargoes of this fruit could be secured.

The Los Angeles agent further reported that agency heavily handicapped at present in the booking of passengers for Hawaii on account of the strike, although twenty prospective passengers for Honolulu were being personally followed up.

WILL SUE CAMPBELL

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dictated, it will also file suit against you personally for damages heretofore accrued and which may hereafter accrue to it by reason of your neglect, failure and refusal to issue to it the licenses for which it has so applied, and to which it is by law entitled—and that you will be held responsible in so far as the law will permit, upon your official bond, for such damages—your bondsmen or bondsmen, as the case may be, to be included as defendants in such suit.

"My client, the corporation aforesaid, hereby refuses to file with you any statement of its liabilities, as an exhibit to be attached to its corporation papers, basing its refusal upon the law in this behalf, which makes no such requirement.

"Very respectfully yours,
(Signed) "C. W. ASHFORD,
"Attorney for Kauai Wine and Liquor Co., Ltd."

However, while no decision has yet been given in the case in which Attorney Ashford appears, Treasurer Campbell yesterday refused to issue three liquor licenses, all applications coming from Waimea, Kauai. In each case the applicant was after a fourth and third class liquor license, under which combination any kind of liquor can be sold, wholesale and retail. There was a protest against the issuance of the licenses in the case of each applicant. The protests were all signed by a majority of the voters in the precinct. In the case of the Waimea Wine & Liquor Co., a corporation, 95 voters signed the protest. Ninety-five protested against S. Ozakis having a license, and 93 against the issuance of licenses to K. Odo.

"I did have a test made of the quality of liquor sold at one place under the new law," said Treasurer Campbell yesterday. "That was some time ago. In that case it was found that the stuff was adulterated with water. There was no Territorial law against pouring water into liquor. There have been no analyses of liquor sold made lately."

The Japanese beetle is disappearing and the floriculturists are looking forward to the time "when the roses come again."

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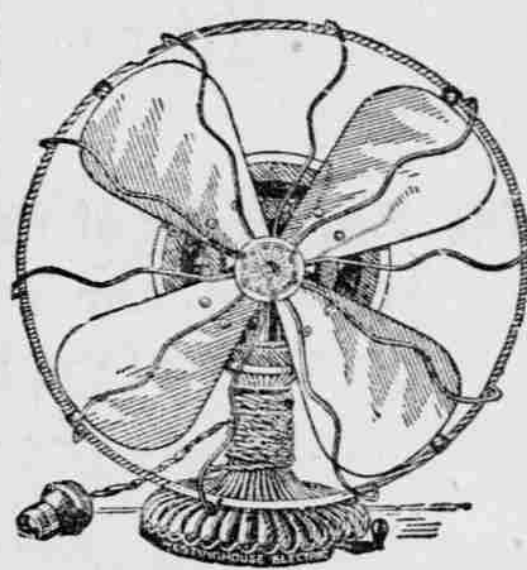
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